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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Michael D. Ellis et al.
Serial No. : 09/356,161
Filed : July 16, 1999
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SYSTEM HAVING MULTIPLE DEVICES WITHIN A
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, submission of this statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge



payment of any fees required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this letter is transmitted herewith.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following documents:

U.S. Patents

5,249,043	Grandmougin	9/28/93
5,748,732	Le Berre et al.	5/5/98
5,751,282	Girard et al.	5/12/98
5,774,859	Houser et at.	6/30/98

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Foreign Patents

Great Britain	2 256 115	11/25/92
*Germany	44 40 174 A1	5/30/96
*EPO	0 795 994 A2	9/17/97

Copies of the aforementioned documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed herewith. These references were cited in a Search Report issued in connection with counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty Application No. PCT/US99/16039. A copy of this Search Report is also enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.



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* Translation of abstract attached

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.



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